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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN STATEMENTS PUBLISHED HERE MAR
14, FEDAYEEN LEADER YASIR ' ARAFAT VIRTUALLY ADMITTED
FATAH INVOLMENT IN BLACK SEPTEMBER OPERATIONS AND
IMPLICITY CONFIRMED GROWING PROPENSITY IN FEDAYEEN
MOVEMENT FOR INTERNATION TERRORISM. AT SAME TIME,
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OTHER KEY FEDAYEEN SPOKEMEN APPEAR BE TAKING INCREASINGLY STRONGER LINE IN PUBLIC RE ALLEGED COOPERATION BY ARAB GOVTS WITH EFFORTS AIMED AT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN ME. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE MAR 14 BY INDEPENDENT WEEKLY AS SAYYAD, PLO CHAIRMAN AND FATAH LEADER ' ARAFAT REITERATED HIS CLAIM THAT BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATION (BSO) IS NOT PART OF FATAH. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, " PRESIDENT NUMARRI SAYS HE WILL DISCLOSE DOCUMENTS PROVING THAT ONE OR MORE FATAH ELEMENTS TOOK PART IN KHARTOUM OPERATION. REGARDLESS OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, I SEE NOTHING STRANGE IN FATAH ELEMENTS JOINING BSO. JAPANESE, TURKS, IRANIANS AND OTHER STRUGGLERS FROM ALL OVER WORLD HAVE PARTICATED IN BSO OPERATIONS. IS IT STRANGE, THEREFORE THAT PALESTINAINS, EVEN FEDAYEEN FROM VARIOUS RESISTANCE GROUPS, SHOULD JOIN BSO?" (NOTE: ALTHOUGH ' ARAFAT DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO CONFIRM THAT FATAH MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP, ENGAGE IN BSO OPERATIONS WITH " OFFICIAL " APPROVAL FROM FATAH, WE BELIEVE THIS IS FIRST TIME HE HAS EVER ACKNOWLEDGE FATAH INVOLVEMENT OF ANY KIND WITH BSO. IT IS ALSO, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, FIRST TIME HE HAS EVER REFERRED PUBLICLY TO NON- ARAB PARTICIPATION IN BSO OPERATIONS.) " AS PLO CHAIRMAN", HE CONTINUED, " I SAY FRANKLY IT DOES NOT CONCERN ME, NOR IS IT WITHIN MY POWER, TO STOP BLACK SEPTEMBERISTS FROM UNDERTAKING THEIR OPERATIONS. LET THOSE CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, OR THOSE ANNOYED BY THEIR ACTIVITY, STOP THEM." ' ARAFAT WARNED THAT PALESTINIAN DESPAIR " WILL PUSH PALESTINIANS MORE AND MORE INTO ADOPTING POLICY OF ASSASSINATION INTERNATIONAL TRANQUILITY."

3. MENAWHILE, OFFICIAL PLO SPOKESMAN KAMAL NASSER, WRITING IN PLO WEEKLY PALESTINE REVOLUTION MAR 14, CALLED ON FEDAYEEN LEADERS TO RE- EVALUATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMANDO MOVEMENT AND ARAB REGIMES " IN ORDER SORT OUT OUR FREINDS FROM OUR FOES." TAKING UP LINE THAT HAS GAINED INCREASING CURRENCY IN FEDAYEEN CIRCLES OF LATE, HE URGED FEDAYEEN TO " INTERVENE WITH ARAB MASSES" TO STOP ARABREGIMES FROM COMMITTING " FATAL MISTAKE" OF CONCLUDING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. IN SAME VEIN, ANOTHER FEDAYEEN LEADER, PFLP' S AHMED YAMANI (ABU MAHER), TOOK EVEN STRONGER LINE AT MAR 13 RALLY HELD AT BEIRUT' S ARAB UNIVERSITY, TO COMMEMORATE DEATHS OF 3 PFLP MEMBERS IN GAZA MAR 8. VIOLENTLY CONDEMNING " DEFEATIST RULER WHO ARE WALKING ROAD WHICH BEGINS IN AMMAN AND ENDS IN WASHINGTON", HE PROCLAIMED CONTINUED ATTACHMENT OF FEDAYEEN AND " ARAB MASSES" TO " REVOLUTION", RATHER THAN " SURRENDER." SINGLED OUT JORDAN, SUDAN, MOROCCO, TUNISIA AS WORKING FOR ARAB " HUMILIATION", AND ALSO ATTACKED EGYPT FOR SENDONG HAFEZ ISMAIL TO WASHINGTON. CHARGED THAT ISMAIL' S EARLIER VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS MENT TO DECEIVE ARABS INTO THINKING THAT SOVS AGREED WITH EGYPTIAN POLICY. YAMANI RESERVED WORST PART OF DIATRIBE, HOWEVER, FOR SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS " IMPERIALIST AGENT" RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT DISTRURBANCES IN SYRIA AND INSTIGATOR OF IRAN
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